10/26/62 (175) The turning screw – ~~date~~ abel details The "action" most in the talk of the greatest crisis ahead," like moving anti-aircraft missiles into Key West, & The phrase in the "Ike Lesson" for "air attacks" & "invasion"

The displays of force clearly influenced Kh., who had no doubt of the seriousness of Kennedy's purpose. But such measures as the installation of AA defenses did, of course, prepare for the attack. Even a retaliatory attack was a possible consequence of any U.S. attack, although not the most likely one. But the rise in war talk & acts increased the fear of war throughout the country, putting one kind of pressure on J FK. The pressures in Congress, the military & the information media, in clamoring for some kind of action, resulting in pressure on the Pres. from the Dem side.

What this meant is that he was putting the pressure on himself, ~~turning~~ turning the screw ~~on~~ on his own thumb. It is difficult to understand ~~how~~ how any of this activity hurt Kh. It is easy to see how it helped cause J/K to seek the ~~best~~ most expeditious exit the best way out.